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SUBJ: COMITE OF 24 ON US VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. SUMMARY: SUB-COMITE II OF COMITE OF 24 MET AUG 1 AND
HEARD STATEMENTS ON VI BY REPS OF IRAN, INDONESIA,
VENEZUELA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

END SUMMARY.

2. IRAQI EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ONLY THROUGH VISITING MISSION
COULD COMITE EXPECT TO DEVELOP FIRST-HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, ASPIRATIONS, CAUSES OF LAWLESSNESS, US
MILITARY ACTIVITIES, AND MOVES TO UNIFY US VI AND BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS. US REP CITED WORKING PAPER (A/AC.109/L.884) AS HAVING
COVERED IN CONSIDERABLE DEPTH THE QUESTIONS RAISED.

3. INDONESIAN REP ALSO POINTED OUT NEED FOR MISSION, IN ORDER
TO ASCERTAIN, INTER ALIA, FEELINGS OF POPULATION TOWARD GOVERNOR,
CAUSES FOR CRIME, ADEQUACY OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, AND POSSIBLE UN
ROLE IN VI ECONOMIC PLANNING. HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SIGNIFICANT
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT HAD OCCURRED IN VI OVER RECENT YEARS. IN
REPLY TO INDONESIAN REQUEST, US REP VOLUNTEERED TO OBTAIN TEXT OF
FEDERAL RELATIONS ACT TO PRESENT TO SUB-COMITE. ACCORDINGLY,
REQUEST WASHINGTON OBTAIN COPY FOR US TO TRANSMIT.

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4. ARTEAGA (VENEZUELA) SAID THAT BOTH TRANSLATORS AND PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD (A/AC.109/SC.3/SR.181: COPY BEING POUCHED WASHINGTON) HAD DISTORTED HIS EARLIER QUESTIONS OF US REP. FIGURES HE SEEKING WERE: (A) PERCENTAGES, BY NATIONAL ORIGIN, OF THOSE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN VI AND (B) PERCENTAGES, BY NATIONAL ORIGIN, OF THOSE WHO ACTUALLY VOTED LAST NOVEMBER. URGENTLY REQUEST THAT DEPT PROVIDE THESE FIGURES ALONG WITH INFORMATION REQUESTED USUN 2712. VENEZUELAN REITERATED INTEREST IN LEARNING WHETHER REP DE LUGO CAN ADDRESS SUB-COMITE. US REP INFORMED SUB-COMITE THAT DEPT OF INTERIOR WAS IN CONTACT WITH REP DE LUGO AND THAT WE HOPED TO HAVE A REPLY FOR COMITE AT NEXT SESSION. VENEZUELAN ALSO ASKED NAMES OF MEMBERS OF SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT COMITE, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING METHOD WHEREBY THEY WERE CHOSEN. US REP PROMISED ALSO TO DE ELOP THIS INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON. IN REPLY TO VENEZUELAN QUESTION, US REP OPINED THAT LEVEL OF POLITICAL EDUCATION IN VI WAS INDEED IMPRESSIVE.

5. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN REP LAMENTED ABSENCE IN WORKING PAPER REPORT OF ANY SECTION DEALING WITH EDUCATION. CHAIRMAN DREW CZECH'S ATTENTION TO SECTION 5 OF WP WHICH DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH THIS MATTER. CZECH NEXT ASKED WHAT RIGHTS WERE ENJOYED BY NON-CITIZENS IN VI, TO WHICH QUESTION US REP REPLIED.

6. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPT AND INTERIOR PROVIDING AS MCUH MATERIAL AS THEY CAN IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS LISTED ABOVE AND IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BE IN BEST POSITION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF INTEREST DURING DEBATE AND CLOSING STATEMENT AT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR AUG 6. UNCLASSIFIED BENNETT

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